

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the eukaryotic cells contain genetic information encoding adenoviral E1A and E1B and are derived from a human embryonic retinoblast (HER), and used for recombinant protein production. Such cells had not been described or even remotely suggested as being useful for protein production prior to the present invention. This is the first showing that this cell type is very suitable for this process.

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